



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Katsuyuki SAKANIWA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
Serial No. 10/586,497 : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1155A
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FILE NAME GENERATION APPARATUS :
[Corresponding to PCT/JP2005/003466
Filed March 2, 2005]

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Request for Accelerated Examination

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Patent and Trademark Office to make the present application special on the basis of a preexamination search.

This Petition to Make Special is accompanied by the appropriate fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

Applicants hereby offer to make an oral election without traverse should the PTO hold that the claims of the application are not directed to a single invention.

A search was made by the Japanese Patent Office for corresponding Japanese application 2006-508508, a copy of the Japanese Office Action indicating the search results along with the cited references are filed concurrently herewith in an Information Disclosure Statement. The claims in the corresponding Japanese Application are of similar scope to the claims in the present application.

Of the references cited by the Japanese Patent Office, the following references are the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims:

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 11-110531; and

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2002-297628.

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**DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE SUBMITTED REFERENCE AND
DISCUSSIONS POINTING OUT HOW THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER
DISTINGUISHES OVER THE SUBMITTED REFERENCE**

In view of the following remarks, it is requested that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the present application be examined under the accelerated examination procedure.

Please note that a Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently herewith amending the claims of the application.

Each of independent claims 15, 28 and 29 includes recitations directed to the generation of a globally unique identifier which includes (i) information for identifying a chronological order in which a file is created, and (ii) information for identifying a hardware which creates the file. Each of independent claims 15, 28 and 29 also include recitations directed to calculating a hash value from the globally unique identifier, issuing a number when each file is created, and generating a file name which includes a hash value and the number.

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Number 11-110531 (hereinafter referred to as the '531 reference) discloses generation of a file name which includes date information, a number for identifying an image generating equipment, and an index number (see paragraphs [0019] to [0025]). However, the '531 reference does not disclose or suggest generating a globally unique identifier which includes (i) information for identifying a chronological order in which a file is created and (ii) information for identifying a hardware which creates the file. Although the '531 reference discloses structure for generating date information, for example "December 31, 1997", the date information is not information which identifies the chronological order in which a file is created as recited in claims 15, 28 and 29 of the present application.

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Number 2002-297628 (hereinafter referred to as the '628 reference) discloses the combination of UMID and URL (see paragraph [0021] to [0022]). However, the '628 reference does not disclose or suggest generating a file name which includes (i) a hash value, calculated from a globally unique identifier including information identifying a chronological order in which a file is created and an information identifying a hardware which

creates the file, and (ii) a number issued when each file is created as recited in each of claims 15, 28 and 29.

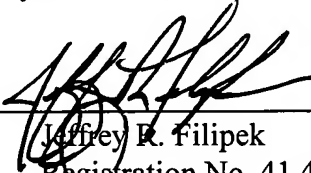
In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 15-29 are not anticipated by, or obvious in view of, the '531 reference, the '628 reference or any combination thereof. Therefore, it is also submitted that claims 15-29 are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above remarks, it is requested that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the present application be examined under the accelerated examination procedure.

The Special Program Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the granting of the Petition to Make Special.

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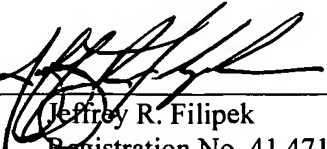
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